

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

KAIA BATTLE,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE
PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND
NEW JERSEY, AND JOHN DOES 1-4,

Defendants.

CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT PLAN

25-CV-1166 (HG)

HECTOR GONZALEZ, United States District Judge:

After receiving input from the parties, the following Case Management Plan is adopted.

This plan is also a scheduling order pursuant to **Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16** and 26(f).

The parties should not anticipate extensions of the deadlines specified in this order and shall not make a unilateral decision to stay or halt discovery on the basis of settlement negotiations, or for any other reason, in anticipation of an extension.

The parties shall list the contemplated discovery activities and anticipated completion dates in Attachment A, annexed hereto. Interim deadlines for these discovery activities may be extended by the parties on consent without application to the Court, provided the parties are certain that they can meet the fact and expert discovery completion dates.

1. **Fact Discovery**

- a. The parties are to conduct discovery in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Eastern District of New York. All fact discovery is to be completed by August 12, 2025, which date shall not be adjourned except upon a showing of good cause and further order of the Court.

- b. For all causes of action seeking monetary damages, each party shall identify and quantify in Attachment B, annexed hereto, each component of damages alleged; or, if not known, specify and indicate by what date Attachment B shall be filed providing such information.
- c. Any motion to amend pleadings or to join additional parties not allowed as of right pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure must be raised through a pre-motion letter that complies with Section IV.A of the Court's Individual Practices by June 26, 2025.

2. **Expert Discovery**

- a. The parties agree that there [is / is not] a need for expert discovery.
- b. All expert discovery is to be completed by October 10, 2025, which date shall not be adjourned except upon a showing of good cause and further order of the Court.
- c. If the parties agree that there is no need for expert discovery, all discovery shall be completed by the deadline for fact discovery, unless – prior to that date – a party files a motion seeking an extension for purposes of taking expert discovery, which must comply with Section I.D of the Court's Individual Practices. Any such motion should explain why expert discovery has become necessary and propose a schedule for such discovery.

3. Post-Discovery Motions

- a. 30 days after the completion of fact or expert discovery, whichever occurs later, the parties shall file pre-motion letters related to any proposed motions for summary judgment or motions to exclude the testimony of experts pursuant to Rules 702-705 of the Federal Rules of Evidence and the *Daubert v. Merrill Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993) line of cases.
- b. Any such pre-motion letters shall comply with Section IV.A of this Court's Individual Practices, including the requirement that any such letters related to a motion for summary judgment contain the statement of material facts required by the Eastern District of New York's Local Civil Rule 56.1.
- c. There shall be no cross-motions. Any motions not raised in a pre-motion letter by the deadline specified above will not be considered. The papers served and filed pursuant to any motions allowed by the Court shall comply with the requirements in Section IV.A and B of this Court's Individual Practices.

4. Pre-Trial Submissions

- a. The case [is / is not] to be tried to a jury. FTCA claims against USA would be a bench trial, any other claims would be in front of a jury; it will largely depend on who we find out during discovery was responsible for Plaintiff's injuries.
- b. The parties shall submit to the Court for its approval a Joint Pretrial Order containing the content described in Section VI.B of the Court's Individual Practices either: (a) within 60 days after the completion of fact or expert

discovery, whichever occurs later, or (b) if a summary judgment motion has been filed, within 30 days after a decision on such motion.

- c. The parties shall file any motions *in limine* 30 days in advance of trial in accordance with Section VI.C of the Court's Individual Practices.
- d. The parties shall file any requests to charge, proposed verdict sheets, and proposed *voir dire* questions 10 business days in advance of trial in accordance with Section VI.C of the Court's Individual Practices.

5. This order may not be modified or the dates herein extended, except by further order of this Court requested in accordance with Section I.D of the Court's Individual Practices. Requests for extensions will ordinarily be denied if made after the expiration of the original deadline. Further, the use of any alternative dispute resolution mechanism does not stay or modify any date in this order. Indeed, unless the Court orders otherwise, parties engaged in settlement negotiations must proceed on parallel tracks, pursuing settlement and conducting discovery simultaneously. Parties should not assume that they will receive an extension of an existing deadline if settlement negotiations fail.

SO ORDERED.

/s/ Hector Gonzalez

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HECTOR GONZALEZ

United States District Judge

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

May 13, 2025

ATTACHMENT A

DISCOVERY ACTIVITIES	COMPLETION DATE
PRELIMINARY DISCOVERY MATTERS	
[<i>If applicable</i>] Initial disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)	[<i>Absent exceptional circumstances, a date not more than 14 days following the parties' filing of the Case Management Plan.</i>] 05/12/2025
[<i>If applicable</i>] HIPAA-required medical records release authorizations	[<i>Absent exceptional circumstances, a date not more than 14 days following the parties' filing of the Case Management Plan.</i>] Already done
[<i>If applicable</i>] N.Y. Crim. Proc. Law § 160.50 releases for arrest records	N/A
[<i>If applicable</i>] Identification of John Doe/Jane Doe Defendants	June 26, 2025
[<i>If applicable</i>] Procedures for producing Electronically Stored Information (ESI)	June 13, 2025
[<i>If applicable</i>] Confidentiality order to be submitted for court approval	June 13, 2025
SETTLEMENT PLAN	
Plaintiff to make settlement demand by:	06/25/2025
Defendant to make settlement offer by:	07/25/2025
Referral to EDNY mediation program pursuant to Local Rule 83.8? (If yes, enter date for mediation to be completed)	Yes, mediation to be complete by August 1, 2025
Settlement conference (proposed date)	July 31, 2025

DISCOVERY DEADLINES	
Motion to join new parties or amend pleadings (cannot be adjourned except by Court order)	June 26, 2025
Service of requests for production and interrogatories	May 27, 2025
Response to requests for production and interrogatories	June 26, 2025
Service of requests for admissions	July 10, 2025
Response to requests for admissions	July 30, 2025
Service of contention interrogatories	N/A
Response to contention interrogatories	N/A
Completion of fact witness depositions	August 8, 2025
Completion of fact discovery (cannot be adjourned except by Court order)	<i>[Absent exceptional circumstances, a date not more than 90 days following the parties' filing of the Case Management Plan.]</i> August 12, 2025
Completion of expert discovery, including production of reports and related documents and depositions (cannot be adjourned except by Court order)	<i>[Absent exceptional circumstances, a date not more than 60 days following the completion of fact discovery.]</i> October 10, 2025
CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE JURISDICTION	
Parties consent to conducting all further proceedings in this case, including motions and trial with or without a jury, before a Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

COLLECTIVE ACTION AND CLASS ACTION MOTIONS ONLY	
Motion for collective action certification in FLSA cases (specify deadlines for response and reply)	N/A
Motion for Rule 23 class certification (specify deadlines for response and reply)	N/A